

# **News from the Illinois Commerce Commission**

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## **ICC approves highway-railroad improvements near Casey**

The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved plans for a rail improvement project involving the installation of automatic flashing light signals and gates and improvement of the highway approaches at the TR 294 (2425E) highway-rail grade crossing of C S X T ransportation's track located near Casey, Union Township, Cumberland County.

The total cost of the safety improvements is estimated to be \$349,892. The Grade Crossing Protection Fund will be used to pay 95% of the warning device installation costs, not to exceed \$282,968, and 77% of the highway approach improvement costs, not to exceed \$40,000. The total amount of Grade Crossing Protection Fund assistance for this project will be \$322,968. CSX Transportation will pay the remaining warning device installation costs, as well as all future operating and maintenance costs. Union Township will pay the remaining highway approach improvement costs, as well as all future maintenance costs. The project must be completed by August 30, 2007.

### **ABOUT THE GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND (GCPF)**

Project selection and management of GCPF highway-rail safety projects include safety improvements such as the installation of new warning systems, highway approach improvements and the construction/reconstruction of grade separation structures. The Commission administers the GCPF, which is funded by motor fuel tax money designated for rail safety improvements.

The General Assembly appropriates \$27 million annually for GCPF projects.

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